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The evidence of monopoly pricing by Microsoft is plainly seen at any store that sells Windows XP. The Professional edition costs 199.00 and the home about 99.00 and that is just for upgrade. Add \$100.00 to that if it is a new purchase.

Windows XP is simply an operating system and should sell for no more than \$50.00 for a brand new copy if that much. But since they are the only game in town if you want your software to be compatible then you get to pay their price.

The settlement does nothing to address pricing of MS monopoly products. Oh and if you want to run MS Office be prepared to empty your entire wallet. Their new activation technology could only be done by a monopolist, no one would subject themselves to it otherwise.

Oh, and another point. The fact that Bill Gates is happy with this settlement should be all the evidence needed to know it does not do enough.

Is there really anybody who does not work for Microsoft (or is an MS Shareholder) who thinks this is a good settlement? I think not.

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